

Editorial Notes and Miscellany.

WITH this December issue, the thirteenth volume of the JOURNAL (the first under the exclusive management of the present editor) is brought to a close. It was with some misgivings that the editor undertook at the beginning of the year the task, not only of editing a journal which had fallen into arrears, but of changing the form of that journal from a quarterly to a monthly. The event has proved that the difficulties of the task were overrated; for the JOURNAL has now been brought up to date, and instead of there being a lack of material, the editor has in every instance been puzzled to know how to keep the monthly issue within the prescribed limit of sixty-four pages. An American neurological MONTHLY is, therefore, no longer a bold experiment, but a marked success!

This success is due in a small measure only to the personal efforts of the editor; the chief credit should be given to the many physicians and other scientific men who have so generously responded to his call for aid in making this JOURNAL a credit to American research. It is certainly a matter of congratulation that the "List of Contributors" appended to the present volume contains so many familiar names, and that there are but very few prominent specialists in the country who have not, either contributed to this volume of the JOURNAL, or consented to become active collaborators in the future. The general excellence of the articles published in the volume for 1886 has unquestionably helped to make this the representative journal of American neurology. Apart from the original articles, we claim that the Periscope abstracts and the book reviews have been most carefully written, and that the work done in these two departments of the JOURNAL reflects the chief advances made in neurological science during the past year.

While thanking the friends of the JOURNAL for their kind assistance, the editor begs all of them to seek to extend the influence of the JOURNAL in and beyond their own immediate circles. The JOURNAL is not intended for neurologists only ; the requirements of other specialists and of the general practitioner are thoroughly considered and to the fullest extent that a high scientific standard will allow.

In order not unduly to increase the size of the volume (which should not exceed 768 pages), the December issue contains a lesser number of pages than any of its predecessors. Much material that was intended for this number has been kept over for the first number of the new year, which will appear on or before the first of January next.

The announcement is herewith made that THE JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASE will hereafter be issued under the imprint of J. H. Vail & Co. (21 Astor Place, New York City). Subscriptions for the coming volume, all exchanges, books for review, etc., should be forwarded to the new publishers. Contributions to the JOURNAL, reprints of articles to be reviewed, and all editorial communications should be addressed to the editor, Dr. B. Sachs, at 30 West 59th Street, New York City.